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Daniel Pearl was born in Princeton, New Jersey on October 10, 1963, and grew up in Los Angeles, where he distinguished himself with an uncommon aptitude for music, academics and sports.

To most of the world, he will always be known as the Wall Street Journal reporter whom terrorists in Pakistan kidnapped and brutally murdered in early 2002 a few months following the 9/11 attacks. Since that time, he is remembered as a symbol of courage, integrity, dedication and hope: a man who attempted to build bridges between diverse cultures in his capacities as both a journalist and a gifted musician.

For Daniel Pearl, music became an essential form of personal expression. It led to his involvement in several bands throughout the world, where he improvised on the electric violin, fiddle, or mandolin. Friends and colleagues recall his bursts of spontaneous creativity as a songwriter or performer whenever the occasion warranted or the mood inspired him.

In the spirit of Danny's love of music and commitment to dialogue, the Daniel Pearl Foundation, established by his parents in his memory, launched the first "Daniel Pearl World Music Days" event on October 10, 2002, which would have been his 39th birthday. Today, Daniel Pearl World Music Days has grown to include thousands of

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performances in over 60 countries. Events in Los Angeles range from special services at various area synagogues to an evening of classical Indian music at the Skirball Cultural Center, a blues program in Long Beach, a Persian experimental music program at a Hollywood nightclub, a chamber music concert in Glendale, an American Youth Symphony classical performance in Santa Monica, a Los Angeles Master Chorale performance at Walt Disney Concert Hall, a performance of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and many others. A full schedule of this year's events may be found online at <http://www.danielpearlmusicdays.org/events.php>.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the period of October 1- 15 as "Daniel Pearl World Music Days" in the County of Los Angeles, and urge County residents to honor the memory of Daniel Pearl during this two-week period by promoting cross-cultural understanding and reminding people of all cultures and religions that we share a common humanity.

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